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MEDIA ADVISORY

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces the return of six soldiers from Detachment 6, U.S. Army Operational Support Airlift Command (OSACOM) of Windsor Locks who were deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The soldiers will arrive Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) in Windsor Locks.

The detachment was alerted and mobilized in June 2005 and departed Connecticut on September 10, 2005, to their mobilization station at Ft. Bliss, TX, for training and validation. In September 2005, the unit departed Ft. Bliss and arrived in Kuwait and processed further into Iraq.

Detachment 6, OSACOM is a fixed wing aviation unit that provides transport for the Connecticut National Guard, U.S. Army and the Department of Defense.

This unit has previously mobilized and deployed for missions to South America, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Honduras and Nicaragua.

Detachment 6, OSACOM was formed in 1995 and is commanded by Chief Warrant Officer Five Richard Nelson of Southington.

This event is open to the media.

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